

Texas Vaccine Providers Webinar Highlights – April 19, 2022

Review the highlights of the topics covered in the April 19th webinar below or view the [full recording](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Recruitment

- If you are a provider that provides care for children, join the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider on April 20th, 2022, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST. This is an initiative to recruit TVFC Providers to enroll in the COVID-19 Program. Please register [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Guidance

- All staff member who receive vaccine deliveries as well as those who handle or administer vaccines should be trained in vaccine storage and handling [SOPs](#).** Storage and handling training should be completed as part of new employee orientation, annually as a refresher for all staff involved in immunization and vaccine storage and handling activities, whenever new vaccines are added to inventory, and whenever recommendations for storage and handling of vaccines are updated.
- The CDC and DSHS Immunization Section recommends the following types of units, listed in preferential order:**
 - Pharmaceutical/purpose-built units
 - Stand-alone, single-purpose refrigerator and stand-alone single purpose freezer
 - Combination household unit
 - Dorm-style and small combination refrigerator and freezer units with a single external door **are never allowed for the storage of the COVID-19 vaccine.**
- Individuals who are not up to date with their COVID-19 Vaccines and/or unvaccinated individuals who were exposed to the COVID-19 infection should **not seek vaccination until quarantine has ended.**

COVID-19 Vaccine Product Ordering Updates

- The FDA has authorized the extension of the expiration date of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine from **nine months to eleven months** for refrigerated vials. The fact sheet for the vaccine can be found [here](#).
- The FDA has authorized the extension of the expiration date of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from **nine months to twelve months** for both gray cap and orange cap vials. The fact sheet for the Pfizer [Gray Cap](#) and Pfizer [Orange Cap](#) have been linked for reference.
- Expired vaccines should be reported as waste only after expiration has been confirmed by the manufacture.** To obtain the current expiration status of your COVID-19 vaccines, please utilize the appropriate manufacturer COVID-19 Vaccine, [J&J](#) and [Pfizer](#), Expiration Date Lookup Tool as expiration reports in VAOS **may not** reflect current expiration.
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine shipments will now come with **one ancillary kit. This change will take effect with orders placed beginning on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 10 am ET.** If you have any questions, please call (833) 832-7068 (Option 2) or email COVID19VacShipments@dshs.texas.gov.
- To find your Provider Pin log into VAOS at <https://texasvaccines.dshs.texas.gov/> and navigate to the **Accounts** tab. Select your **Account name and view your Provider pin.**

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [EUA Fact Sheet for Janssen Vaccine](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Live Q&A:

Below are some of the questions DSHS subject matter experts answered during the webinar’s live Q&A sessions.

- How often do providers need to report physical inventory of our COVID-19 vaccine through VAOS?
- When the self-reporting feature is added in VAOS, how frequently will inventory be required?
- Will DSHS stop supplying COVID-19 vaccines and providers will have to purchase themselves?
- If a patient has COVID-19 vaccines administered outside of the U.S. with no CDC card and comes in to receive a 2nd booster dose, do we provide them with a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card? Do we also transfer all COVID-19 vaccines onto the CDC card or only record the booster administered in U.S.?

